

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

In the drawings, Figs. 1-4 have been amended to correct editorial problems. To Fig. 1, references to cable protruding end 66 and pockets 18 and 24 have been added. To Fig. 2, reference to element side support bracket brace 78 has been added, and the number identifying adjustment hole 76 has been corrected by replacing the incorrect number, 86. To Fig. 3, references to cable protruding end 66 and crank 82 have been added, and reference 78 has been deleted. To Fig. 4, reference to element 32 has been deleted.

On page 2, paragraph 4 of the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner stated that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation of "said transmission shaft" in claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to provide the antecedent basis. The Examiner objected to that same insufficiency of antecedent basis in rejecting "claim 7". Applicant believes the Examiner intended to reject claim 5, not claim 7, on that basis. In any case, the amendment to claim 1 also addresses that rejection.

The Examiner noted that claim 6 recites a positive limitation and asks whether Applicant purports to further limit the limitation of "at least two side support brackets". Applicant has amended claim 6 to clarify that Applicant's intent is to further limit the at least two side support brackets, and Applicant has amended claim 7 to similarly address the Examiner's objection to claim 7.

The Examiner stated that claim 18 suffers from the same insufficient antecedent basis regarding the "transmission shaft" – Applicant's amendment to claim 1 cures the defect. Also with respect to claim 18, the Examiner required clarification as to which "said end" the hook connects. Applicant has amended claim 18 to show that either end may attach to the hook. The amendments address the objections with respect to the remaining claims.

Beginning on page 3, paragraph 3, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Klann (U.S. Patent No. 5,782,459), rejected claims 1-5, 6, 7, and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colley (U.S. Patent No. 2,533,999), and rejected claims 32-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Suhy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,340,083).

On page 5, second full paragraph, the Examiner stated that claims 8-10, 13-16, and 18-31 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Section 112, second paragraph rejections and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As stated above, Applicant has rewritten the language as originally presented in claims 1, 6, 7, and 18 to overcome the Section 112 rejections, and to refine some of the language in the claims.

As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant has rewritten claims 8-10, 13-16, and 18-31 to be allowable in the following manner and as further depicted and explained in the table of **Attachment A** attached hereto. First, Applicant has incorporated the limitations of claim 8 into claim 1 and has cancelled claim 8. Claims 2-7 and 9-31 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1. Therefore claims 1-31 are believed to be allowable.

Second, Applicant has combined the limitations of the original claim 1 and original claim 9 into new claim 42. New claims 43-70 are directly or indirectly dependent on new claim 42. Therefore, new claims 42-70 are believed to be allowable.

Third, Applicant has combined the limitations of the original claim 1 and original claim 10 into new claim 71. New claims 72-98 are directly or indirectly dependent on new claim 71. Therefore new claims 71-98 are believed to be allowable.

Fourth, Applicant has combined the limitations of the original claim 1 and original claim 13 into new claim 99. New claims 100-125 are directly or indirectly dependent on new claim 99. Therefore, new claims 42-70 are believed to be allowable.

Fifth, Applicant has combined the limitations of the original claim 1 and original claim 18 into new claim 126. New claims 127-151 are directly or indirectly dependent on new claim 126. Therefore new claims 127-151 are believed to be allowable.

With respect to the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 32-35 over Colley, Applicant notes that claims 32-41, Group II claims, were subject to a restriction requirement and that, in the response dated August 4, 2003, Applicant elected claims 1-31, Group I. Claims 32-35 were withdrawn, and are now cancelled in order to put the application in condition for allowance.

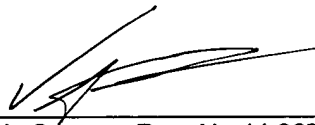
In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been traversed. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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ATTACHMENT A

The claims in each row contain the same wording except when referring to their respective base claims.

The first column lists claims 1-31 with wording of former claims 1 and 8 combined into amended claim 1. Claim 8 is cancelled.

The second column lists new claims 42-70 with wording of original claims 1 and 9 combined into new claim 42.

The third column lists new claims 71-98 with wording of original claims 1 and 10 combined into new claim 71.

The fourth column lists new claims 99-125 with wording of original claims 1 and 13 combined into new claim 99.

The fifth column lists new claims 126-151 with wording of original claims 1 and 18 combined into new claim 126.

[based on prior claim 8]	[based on prior claim 9]	[based on prior claim 10]	[based on prior claim 13]	[based on prior claim 18]
1 (1 + 8) (independent claim)	42 (1+9) (independent on 5)	71 (1+10) (independent claim)	99 (1+13) (independent claim)	126 (1+18) (independent claim)
2	43	72	100	127
3	44	73	101	128
4	45	74	102	129
5	46	75	103	130
6	47	76	104	131
7	48	77	105	132
(dependent on 5)	(dependent on 46)	(dependent on 75)	(dependent on 103)	(dependent on 130)
8 (cancelled)				
9				
10	49			
11	50	78	106	133
12	51	79	107	134
(dependent on 11)	(dependent on 50)	(dependent on 78)	(dependent on 106)	(dependent on 133)
13	52	80		
14	53	81	108	135
(dependent on 13)	(dependent on 52)	(dependent on 80)	(dependent on 99)	(dependent on 126)
15	54	82	109	136
(dependent on 13)	(dependent on 52)	(dependent on 80)	(dependent on 99)	(dependent on 126)
16	55	83	110	137
(dependent on 15)	(dependent on 54)	(dependent on 82)	(dependent on 109)	(dependent on 136)
17	56	84	111	138
18	57	85	112	
19	58	86	113	139
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
20	59	87	114	140
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
21	60	88	115	141
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
22	61	89	116	142
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
23	62	90	117	143
(dependent on 22)	(dependent on 61)	(dependent on 89)	(dependent on 116)	(dependent on 142)
24	63	91	118	144
(dependent on 23)	(dependent on 62)	(dependent on 90)	(dependent on 117)	(dependent on 143)
25	64	92	119	145
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
26	65	93	120	146
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
27	66	94	121	147
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
28	67	95	122	148
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
29	68	96	123	149
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
30	69	97	124	150
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)
31	70	98	125	151
(dependent on 18)	(dependent on 57)	(dependent on 85)	(dependent on 112)	(dependent on 126)



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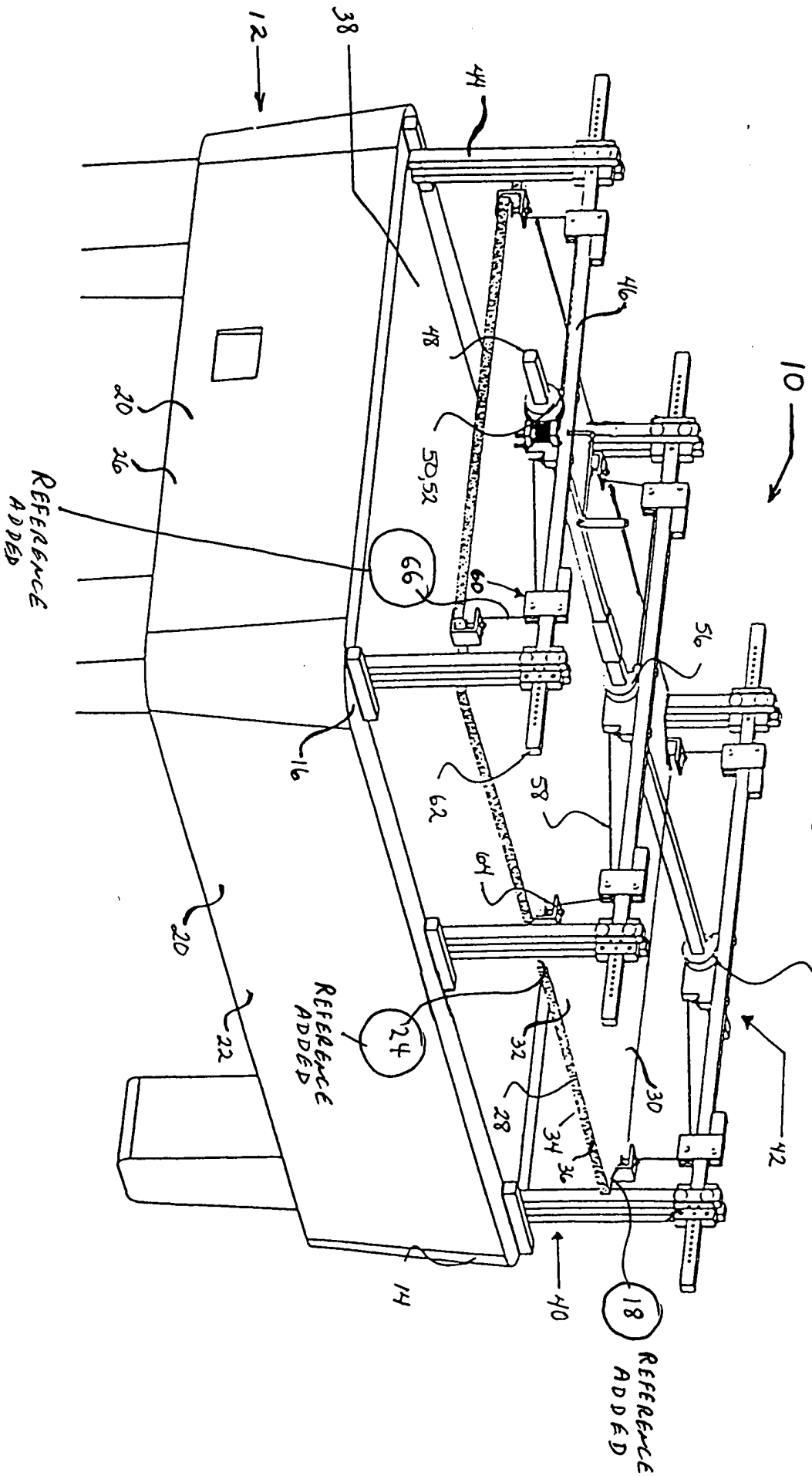
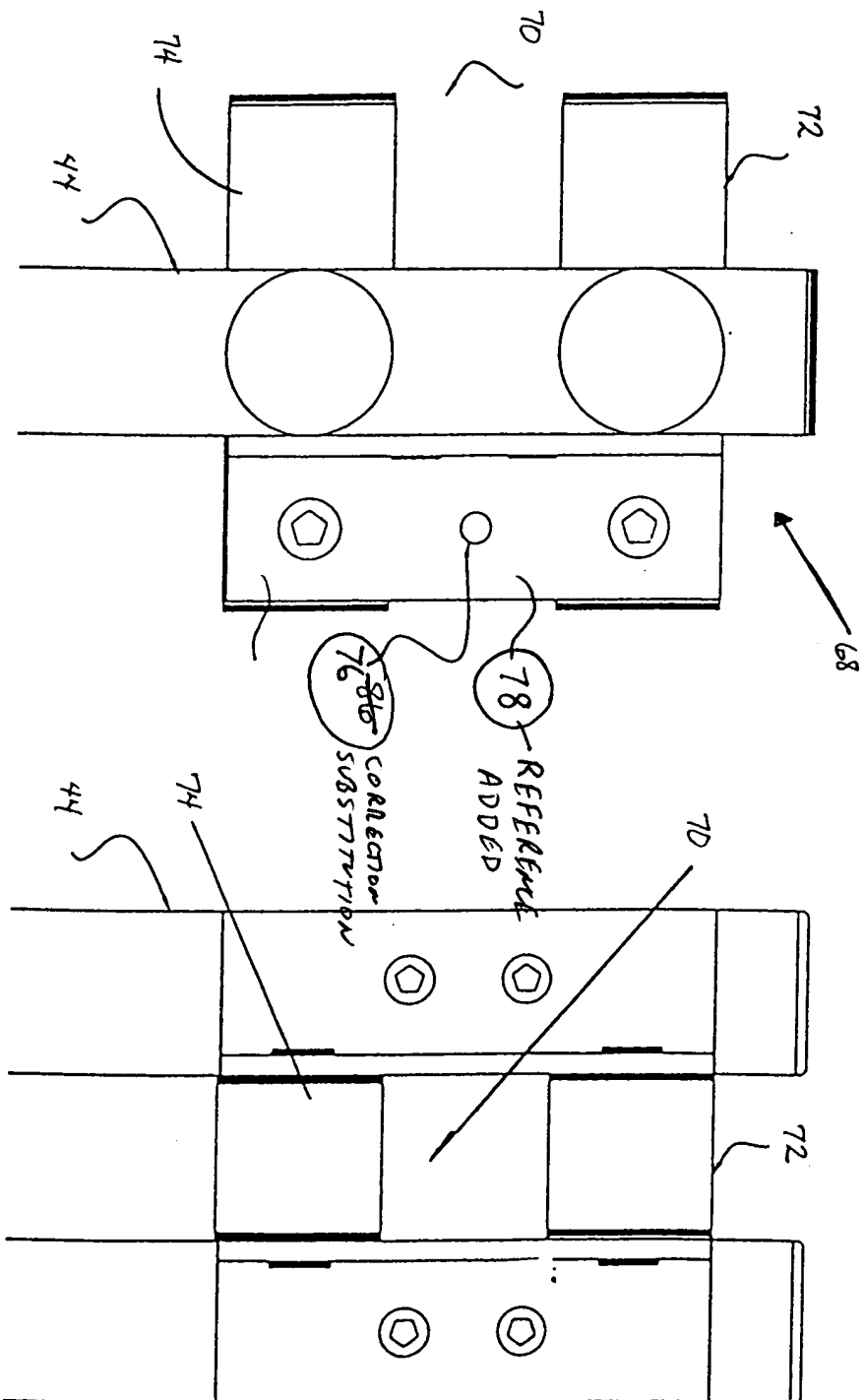


Fig. 1



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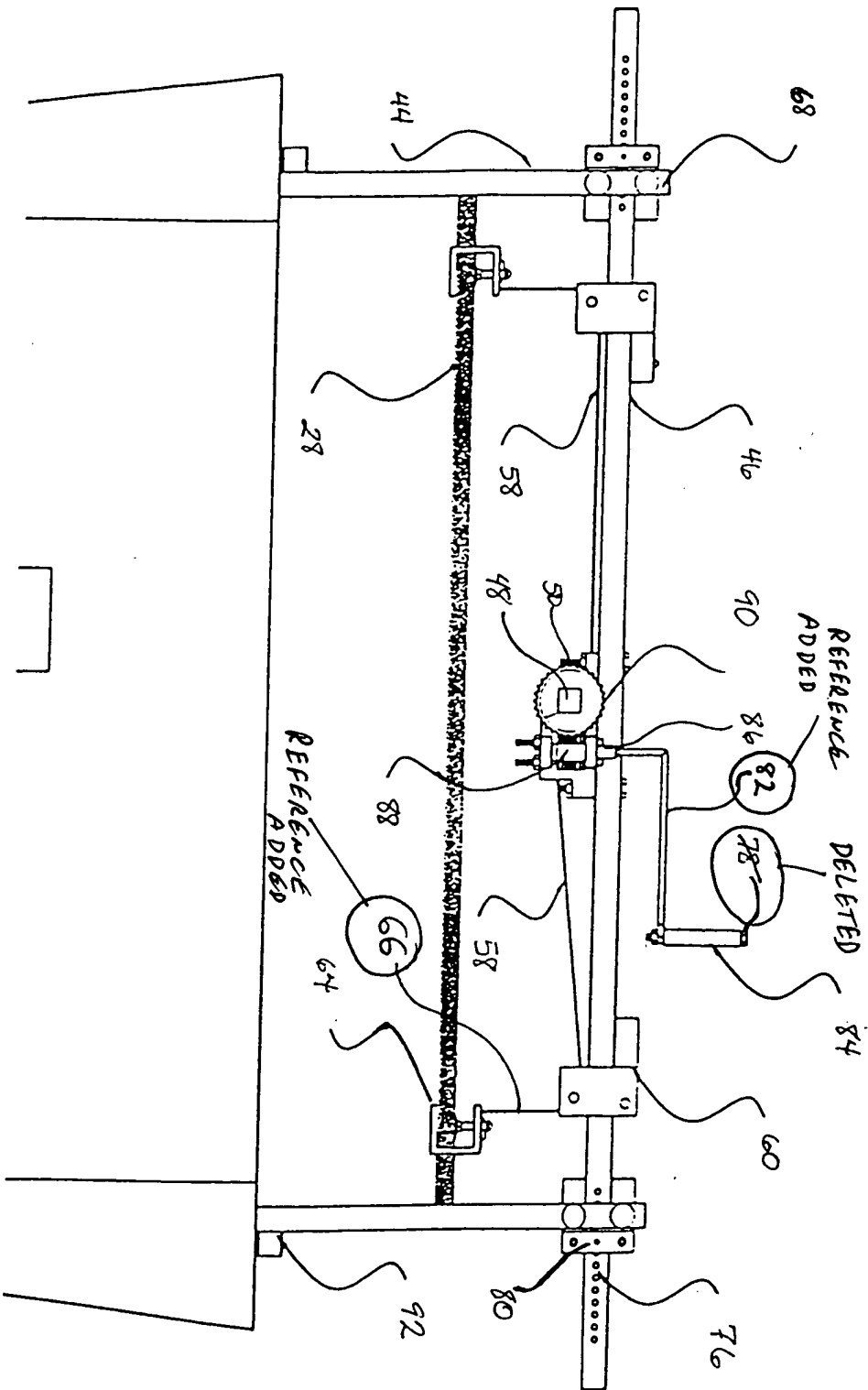
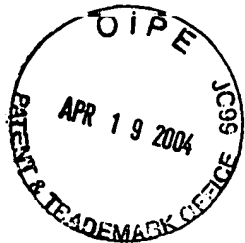


Fig. 3



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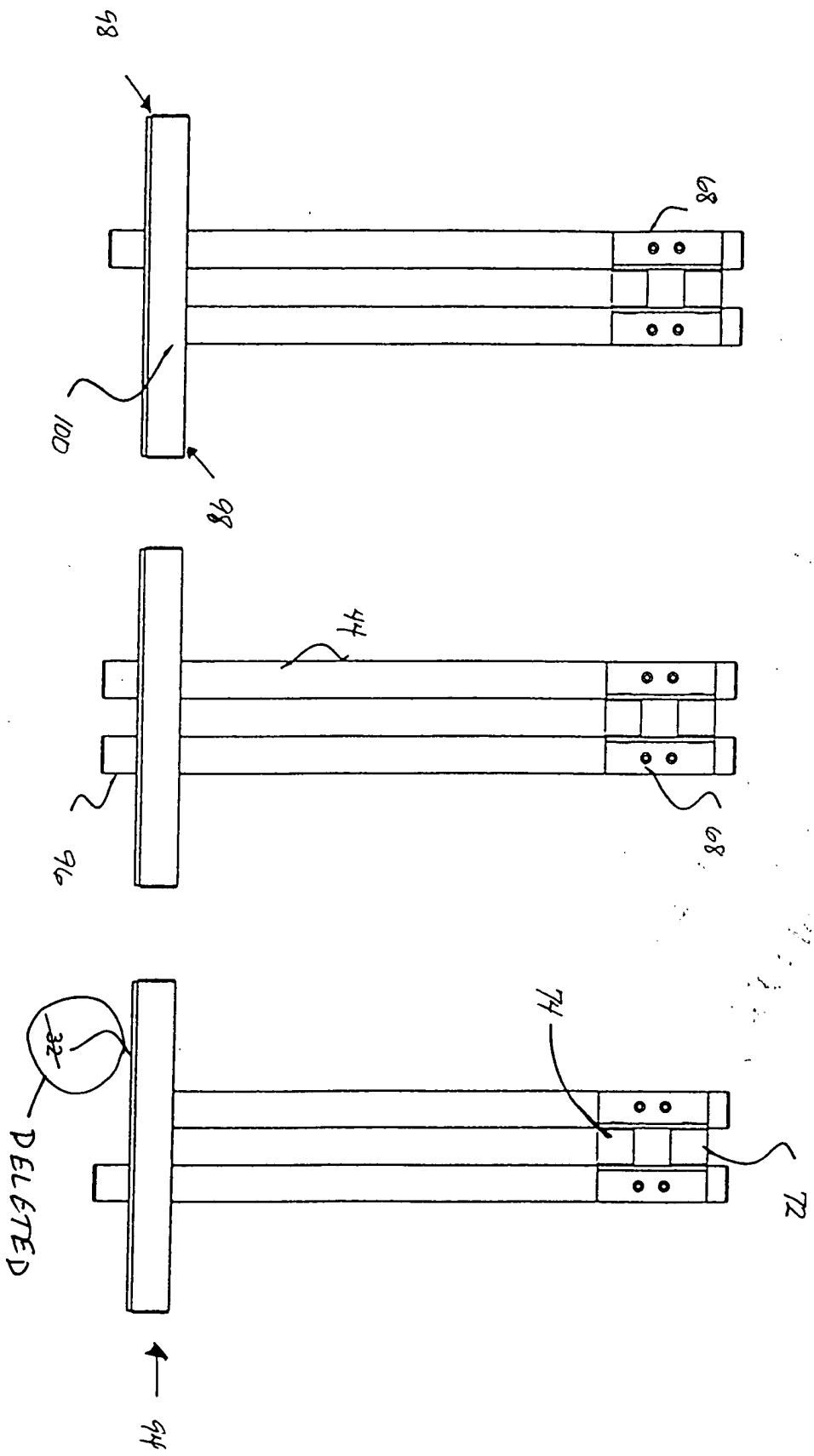


Fig. 4